

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Mr Peter Riordan

One of the things that I believe helps to build a strong school culture is the opportunity for students to be able to represent their school in a plethora of different ways. Last week I attended the Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) meeting for Principals, which reminded me of the many opportunities our students are given, not only in the area of sport but also in the Arts, Technology and Student Leadership forums, as a result of being a member of the ACC competition.

This term, there are many students who are representing the College in the ACC Competition in Year 7&8 Australian Rules, as well as in soccer at Years 7-12. To this stage of the season, the Simonds Catholic College teams have been very competitive, with the Year 7&8 Australian Rules team having our first ever win in this sport. Most importantly, according to our coaches, students have been playing their games in great spirit with a real respect for their opponents and their team mates. I encourage all students representing our College to give of their best, as they continue to build our developing school culture.

On Friday 17 May, Simonds Catholic College will celebrate its annual Simonds Day with the celebration of Mass for all students on the St Brigid's Campus, followed by a number of different fun activities and staff/student competitions. Simonds Day is held each year in honour of our school patron, the former Archbishop of Melbourne – Archbishop Justin Simonds.

Throughout the rest of this Term, our annual Face of Winter Appeal will be held to assist the needy and marginalised members of our society with food, clothing and blankets. I would encourage all families to support this important social justice activity, with details, which will be publicised by our SRC and Social Justice representatives.

Yours sincerely



Mr Peter Riordan
Principal | Simonds Catholic College

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled, as to console;

to be understood, as to understand;

to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to

Eternal Life.

Amen.

The Approaches to Learning Reports Cycle 2 will
be released and available on PAM on
Wednesday 15 May at 3.30pm

(1) Student safety.

There are many aspects to safety and it is worth reminding ourselves of ways to remain safe and to help keep others in our community safe.

To this end, a member of the Student Wellbeing Team, Brodie Evans (year 8), is keeping an eye on safety issues and bringing them to attention. He has a section of the wellbeing noticeboard at St. Mary's dedicated to "SSS" – Simonds Safety Strategies where he brings items of a safety interest into focus. Below, is the current safety message. He will share safety messages via this newsletter also.

- Everyone has the right to be safe and to be protected from abuse.
- No-one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community.
- Tell a teacher or an adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



- It's everyone's responsibility.
- Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse.
- If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information and resources:
www.education.vic.gov.au/protect



Sexting

Sending or being in possession of indecent images or video of people under-18 is against the law.



- If you are under 18 and you receive a sext of a person under 18, you are in possession of child pornography.
- It is illegal to possess child pornography and you can be charged – even as a minor.
- It is illegal to forward to other people, sexts of people under the age of 18.
- Be safe and sensible. Protect your name and your reputation – never send or ask to be sent, sexts!
- If you receive a sext, screen shot the sender and date/time & report to an adult immediately.

Questions to ask yourself before sexting?



(2) Year 7

Each week, Joshua Coates, a year 9 member of the student wellbeing team meets with one student from each of the 4 year 7 classes in order to focus on areas of personal strength with a view to encouraging that strength to be shown and shared. Term 1's sessions were particularly good and we look forward to meeting more 7's in term 2.

Mr P Rohan | Coordinator Student Wellbeing / Counsellor

All the best –

Japanese Cooking Workshop

On the 26 April, the Year 9 Japanese class attended a Character Obento (キャラべん) workshop which was facilitated by Sawada Sensei. She brought ingredients and utensils for us to cook a Bear Obento Box (くまべん). The ingredients include; carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, seaweed, cheese, rice and teriyaki chicken. Since it was a character Obento, we made bears using the rice. The rice was shaped into a ball to appear as the body. Cheese and seaweed were used to create the face of the bear. With a sauce made from; mirin, sugar and soy sauce, we cooked teriyaki chicken. The end result was a delicious and nutritious, balanced and appealing lunchbox. During the workshop everyone worked independently as well as in a group, which enhanced our social and time management skills. We all thanked Miss Yao for organizing this wonderful cooking workshop for us. We are grateful that Sawada Sensei took the time to teach us. We all hope to see her again for another wonderful cooking class, as we all had lots of fun.



Daniel Phan – Year 9B



Lunchtime Concerts 2019 #2

On Friday 28 April, the second lunchtime concert of the year was held at St Mary's campus. Members of the Rock Band and Rebel Clef performed, alongside several brave soloists. It was a lovely way to spend a Friday lunchtime, listening to our talented students perform. Congratulations to all involved. Any students who would like to perform at the next lunchtime concert on Friday 31 May, please let Miss Kelly know in person or by email.



INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

At the start of the year, we began a new programme of instrumental music lessons at St Mary's campus. A number of boys are now enjoying weekly guitar, drums and electronic composition lessons with our excellent visiting teachers Mr Brendan Ward and Mr Lachie Robertson. Enrolments are now open for Semester Two for new students who wish to join the programme. Please email skelly@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au for an information pack and application form.

If there is an instrument you are interested in learning that is not currently offered, please let Miss Kelly know as we may be able to organise an additional teacher if there is enough interest.

CO-CURRICULAR MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Weekly Music Clubs - All Welcome!

Mondays 1-1.30pm SIMPLY STRINGS

- Come and learn to play the violin or cello in a supportive group environment

Tuesdays 1-1.30pm REBEL CLEFS

- For all boys who enjoy singing. No prior experience necessary. You can choose the songs!

Tuesdays 3.30-4.30pm ROCK BAND

- Anyone who plays an instrument or likes to sing or rap is welcome to join us for a noisy afterschool session! You get to choose the music so come with some ideas.

Wednesday lunchtimes GUITAR CLUB

- Come along and learn some basics or improve your skills with our guitar expert Mr Di Fabrizio

Friday lunchtimes JAM CLUB

- Explore the instruments and jam with your friends

Friday lunchtimes once a month LUNCHTIME CONCERT

- Your opportunity to perform to a supportive audience, or come along and listen. See Miss Kelly for more details. NEXT CONCERT DATE: Fri 31st May

Ms S Kelly | Music Convenor

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2019 for Years 7 and 9 students will be held next week. The testing timetable is as follows:

Tuesday 14 May	Language Conventions Writing
Wednesday 15 May	Reading
Thursday 16 May	Numeracy

Tests will take place before lunchtime and regular classes will run at other times.

Please ensure your son has the required material for each test:

- All tests – 2B or HB pencils, eraser, sharpener
- Writing Test – a black or blue pen may be used instead of a pencil
- Numeracy Test – calculator.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents and the school which can be used to improve student achievement. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests.

Later in the year you will receive your son's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your son's particular skills in each of the key areas. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au.

Mrs H Koutoulogenis

Deputy Principal (Learning & Teaching) | Head of St Mary's Campus

Mid-Year Examinations

Exams are an important part of the assessment program at Simonds. Although only one of a number of formal assessment tools, they provide an opportunity for students to apply knowledge and skills that have been developed throughout the semester in a formal setting and practise exam sitting techniques.

The dates for the Semester One exam periods are listed below:

11	Friday 7 June to Thursday 13 June	All VCE subjects apart from Ethics	
10	Friday 7 June to Thursday 13 June	English, Maths, Science, Humanities, RE, Languages, HPE, VCE subjects	
9	Tuesday 11 June to Thursday 13 June	English, Maths, Science, Humanities, Languages, HPE	
8	Tuesday 11 June to Wednesday 12 June	English, Maths	
7	Tuesday 11 June to Wednesday 12 June	English, Maths	
Any student doing a Unit 3 & 4 study		Wednesday 12 June	GAT

Students are advised that they should be undertaking regular, ongoing review and consolidation of their learning. Year 7 and 8 students will sit for exams only in English and Maths as a means of giving them a more gradual introduction to the experience. Year 10 students studying a VCE subject will have exams for this unit in line with the Year 11s.

To support Year 7-10 students as they prepare for examinations, a Study Guide will be made available later this term. This will include a complete examination schedule.

Friday 14 June is a Correction and Report Writing day for teachers. There are **no classes** and students will only be required at school if they have unfinished assessments.

Mr R Anastasio & Mrs H Koutoulogenis
Deputy Principals

Simonds Mathematics News

2019 MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG AUSTRALIANS



AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST

On Monday 13 of May, fifteen students will commence the Mathematics Challenge. This competition is a problem-solving activity that aims to stimulate and challenge students who enjoy mathematics.

Students receive a problem book containing six questions and are required to present written solutions to as many of these problems as they can. The problems are challenging and require time and persistence, but are based on maths that should be known to them. Students may work with a partner who has also entered the Challenge, but will need to submit their own separate solutions. When attempting the problems students may use resources such as textbooks, calculators or websites that provide general maths information, but are not to seek help from other people, including asking for assistance on maths help websites.

To encourage students to work on their challenge problems, help sessions will be held in the library at lunch time. These sessions will give students the opportunity to work with others and to check solution processes with Ms Sinis. All participating students are encouraged to work on their challenge as part of their daily homework and would benefit from attending the lunch time sessions.

The session times are:

Session 1: Monday 13 of May at 12: 50pm – 1:25pm
Session 2: Monday 20 of May 12: 50pm – 1:25pm
Session 3: Monday 27 of May at 12:50pm – 1:25pm

Final solutions must be submitted to Ms Sinis by Monday 3 June @ 4pm. No solutions will be accepted after the due date.

Happy Problem Solving!

Ms D. Sinis | Mathematics Faculty Manager

KidsView Social Justice Conference

"On Monday 29 April, ten Year 9 students attended a KidsView conference run by Bahay Tuluyan at St Bernard's College for the day. It was such an eye-opening experience to learn the stories of Filipino young people Justin and Donita and many other poverty-stricken children. Throughout the day we did workshops about the financial struggles and conditions living on the street. In the end Bahay Tuluyan taught us about the power of education and we learnt what we can do to help others in need. As a group we came up with ideas on how to help out the Filipino community and other developing communities. We now have many ideas of ways to help those who are less fortunate." Nicholas Dingle and Joshua Coates, Year 9 Students

"The KidsView conference was a fantastic opportunity for some of our Year 9 students to understand their position of privilege and experience what life is like for millions of other young people around the world. Bahay Tuluyan is a fantastic organisation which works tirelessly in the Philippines to protect incredibly vulnerable young people and advocate for children's rights. Our students did a great job of participating in activities and thinking very deeply about the injustices that exist in the world today. I look forward to seeing these students turn their knowledge into powerful action which changes people's lives."



Mr L Scerri

Enrolment 2020



SIMONDS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We are still accepting Year 7 2020 enrolments, but applications will close in June 2019.

For all current Simonds Catholic College families, if you have a son starting Year 7 in 2020, please ensure that you have submitted an enrolment application as soon as possible.

Please contact our Registrar, Maria De Fazio for more information on 9321 9207 or via mdefazio@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au.

News to Parents

The College School Privacy Policy and Collection Notice have recently been updated and can be viewed on our website.

<http://www.sccmelb.catholic.edu.au/our-school/93/p/policies/>

We have a large amount of second hand winter uniform at both campuses for sale.

A reminder to Parents that food deliveries to both campuses, eg Uber Eats, Deliveroo etc are not allowed under any circumstances



Dear parents, guardians and carers

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the Simonds Catholic College.

Kind regards



Peter Riordan
Principal